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SUBJECT: ILO CRITICAL ISSUES

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1. EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN HELD AT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TURKISH CONFEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS (TURK-IS) AND TURKISH CONFEDERATION OF EMPLOYER ASSOCIATIONS (TISK), AND ALL CRITICAL ISSUES (REF. A) FULLY ARED. TURKISH POSITION REMAINS SUBSTANTIALLY SAME AS REPORTED IN REF. C AND D. TURKS DO NOT WANT US TO WITHDRAW FROM ILO AND FEAR DETERIORATION OF ORGANIZATION UNDER STRONGER PRESSURES FROM COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IF U.S. DOES NOT REMAIN TO FIGHT THE BATTLES. TURK-IS PRESIDENT TUNC SAID HE IS ALREADY IN TOUCH WITH IRVING BROWN AND WOULD CONTACT HIM IN GENEVA. TISK SECRETARY GENERAL RAFIT IBRAHIMOGLU SAID HE WOULD WORK THROUGH EMPLOYER GROUP TO SUPPORT PRINCIPLES AS ADVOCATED BY US.

2. METIN SIRMAN, FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL AFFARS IN CHARGE OF ILO MATTERS, REITERATED TURKISH AGREEMENT WITH CONCEPTS AND PRINCIPLES AND SAID TURKISH DELEGATION WOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO ASSIST IN FINDING COMMON GROUND ON THE CRITICAL ISSUES. WHEN QUESTIONS OF POLITICAL POLICY ARISE, HOWEVER,
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TURKEY WILL BE IN DIFFICULTIES, HE SAID. "WE WILL MAKE NO SPEECHES OPPOSING US POSITIONS, NOR ENGAGE IN ANTI-US CORRIDOR MANEUVERS. IF WE CANNOT HELP, AT LEAST IT IS BEST NOT TO HARM."

3. TURKISH AMBASSADOR IN GENEVA WILL BE INFORMED ABOUT ABOVE DISCUSSIONS AND WILL BE GIVEN FREE HAND TO MANAGE EVERYTHING AS BEST HE CAN. WITH GENERAL ELECTIONS ON JUNE 5 AND DOUBTFUL

PROSPECT THERE WILL BE NEW GOVERNMENT BEFORE END OF JUNE, THERE WILL BE NO ONE TO MAKE NEW POLICY DECISIONS ON ILO MATTERS.

4. TURKISH DELEGATION WILL BE NOMINALLY LED BY MINISTER OF LABOR KAZAN, BUT AS HE IS DEEPLY INVOLVED IN GENERAL ELECTIONS IT IS DOUBTFUL HE WILL EVEN APPEAR FOR CONFERENCE. ACTUAL LEADER OF DELEGATION WILL BE AMBASSADOR E. YAVUZALP, TURKISH PERM REP IN GENEVA, ASSISTED PRINCIPALLY BY N. YALCINTAS (ECONOMIC PROFESSOR ISTANBUL UNIVERSITY) AND DR. TURAN AKBULUT (SPECIALIST IN INDUSTRIAL MEDICINE). DOGAN SENCER, SECTION CHIEF SOCIAL AFFAIRS, WILL BE FOREIGN OFFICE STAFFER AT CONFERENCE AND WOULD BE CONVENIENT CONTACT IN TURKISH DELEGATION ON TECHNICAL MATTERS.
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